

**Hillsboro City Council Meeting
July 27, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Downs and Commissioners Duncan, Murphy, Robbins and Wright.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Robbins read his reports from the parks department and said the street department has been working on sidewalks, curb and gutter, putting in a sewer line on Rountree St. and putting down seed and straw on Broad St.

Commissioner Murphy said the house on Lakeview has been taken down and is a massive improvement to the area and Kit will talk to the owners to hopefully deed the property over to the City and it was the 48th or 49th structure. Murphy said there is a house next door that belonged to Dave Boone who passed away and needs to be torn down also and the Wharf property on Welch St. Murphy said the Old Settlers Committee has been in touch with him reference to the events and closures around Main St. and they will be in the report. Murphy thanked everyone who was committed to assisting and helping with the events and again reminded everyone about their trash, grass, stopping fireworks and to call the cops if something is wrong.

Commissioner Duncan said there will be a public and special meeting on Friday, July 30th at 8 am to discuss and approve the 2021 – 2022 budget.

Commissioner Wright reported Glenn Shoals Lake is getting green and the water department has been able to control issues. Wright said water meters are still on back order. Wright said the quote for repairing the gasket on the generator is on the agenda and the price of chlorine has gone up about 25%. Wright said there was a manhole installed on Fairground Ave. a few weeks ago and remember to not flush wipes or female products down the sewer. Wright said water bills are due on the 15th of the month and it's important to make sure your payment is on time.

Mayor Downs reported the Aqua Run was a success and well attended and commended the lake club. Downs said the pickle ball tournament was well attended and the Free Methodist Church Youth Group mission was well attended and meetings for the AARP funds have been attended. Downs said Avery Bourne was in town and met with Downs and walked around town. Downs thank the street department for cleaning Main St. with the street sweeper. Downs said the intersection at Rountree and Summer has experienced sewer issues and the City has been working to fix the problem.

Community Planner Jonathan Weyer gave his report and it will be included in the minutes.

City Engineer was not present.

There were no public comments:

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to adopt Ordinance No. 1672 an ordinance amending section 1-2-45 if the City Code. There was no action taken.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve a \$11,221.54 TIF reimbursement for Sheldon & Sons, LLC for work done at 213 S. Main St. in Hillsboro. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Downs abstaining.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve repairs to the street department backhoe for an amount NTE \$4,000. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve permit limits for Ameren/Aecom to discharge treated ground water into the city sewer. Tim Furgeson and Mayor Sullivan will work with them on the limits. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve permit fees for Ameren/Aecom to discharge treated ground water into the city sewer. Authorization was given to Mayor Downs to take an acceptable offer once it is agreed upon. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve repairs to the raw water pump station generator for cost of \$6,276.67. \$842.02 for parts and \$5,434.65 for labor. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve a proposal from E&G Construction for cleaning out the decant pond behind the sports complex. Motion carried 5-0.

Agenda item No. 16 to approve starting the lien process on 617 Lakeview Dr. was pulled from the agenda by Mayor Downs.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:14 pm by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk

Parks & Public Properties Dept. Work Summary

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- Mowing in parks, lakes, and public properties, emptying trash cans, servicing dog park, spraying weeds, trimming limbs, weed eating, boom mowing, etc.
- Made preparations for and cleaned up after pickleball tournament and Aqua Run
- Performed repair work to 6' Gravely mower and John Deere 3039R tractor
- Removed wooden steps at the Plaza and ordered replacement precast concrete steps
- Sprayed riprap and brush in various locations
- Removed brush from around and demolished 617 Lakeview Dr.

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-We hit a few technical snags with the timing of the Economic Plan, as it requires a public meeting. So, we will be presenting the Economic Development Plan for adoption at the August 10th meeting.

-Speaking of which, I will have to call in for that meeting to present the plan, as I will be at the Midwest Community Development Institute run by Western Illinois University and the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs in Moline, Illinois August 9th-12th. I will be talking about Hillsboro and how we are developing an entrepreneurial/small business economy to other economic and business professionals.

-On the grant front, we are ready to move forward on the process. I met with Mayor Downs, Commissioner Wright about Sewer and Water projects. Tomorrow, I will be meeting with Commissioner Robbins, Jim and Justin about Public Lands, Streets and Parks. And, I will be scheduling meetings with Commissioner Duncan and Commissioner Murphy as well. However, I sent all of you a spread sheet that is meant to keep track of all our projects that might need grants and anyone can add as they see fit. Please give me as much information as possible so I can focus my research on the right kind of grant. When all of this is done, the council will have to decide the top three-five projects we want to focus on first.

-Work is progressing on the South Central Illinois (SCI) Regional Workforce Training & Innovation Center which will be located in Litchfield, but will serve Montgomery and Macoupin County. This is a significant step forward for our area because we are in desperate need of workforce training in our area. As the heavy manufacturing jobs have left our area and will most likely not come back, we need a way to train people for jobs that require different skills. Take, for example, the Volkswagen plan in Chattanooga which involved high tech manufacturing and required significant upgrades in training.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Weyer
Community and Economic Planner.